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REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)  
Attorney Docket: 056207.50393C3

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 09/952,024  
Filed on: September 14, 2001  
Of: Yoshiharu HAYASHI et al.  
Entitled: Operation and Maintenance Planning Aiding System for Power Generation Installation  
Examiner: Elias Desta  
Group: 2857

X 1a.. Accompanying this order is a new specification and drawings, that does not contain any subject matter that would have been new matter in the prior application.

Total pages of specification, claims and abstract: 63

Total pages of drawings: 17

— 1b. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed.

Total pages of specification, claims and abstract:       

Total pages of drawings:       

— 2. New Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of        sheet(s), depicting Figures       .

X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:

a.        Newly executed (original or copy)

b. X Copy from prior application

i.        Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application

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X 4. Incorporation by Reference:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

— 5. Cancel original claims .

— 6. Small entity status:

- a. — A small entity statement is enclosed
- b. — A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed on    in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.
- c. — Is no longer claimed

X 7. The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS**  
**CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Basic Fee		\$385	\$770
Total Claims	<u>7</u> - 20 = <u>0</u> x 9 = \$ <u>      </u>	18 = \$ <u>      </u>	
Ind. Claims	<u>5</u> - 3 = <u>2</u> x 43 = \$ <u>      </u>	86 = \$ <u>172.00</u>	
	Multiple Dependent Claims + 145 = \$ <u>      </u>	290 = \$ <u>      </u>	
	Total	\$ <u>      </u>	\$ <u>942.00</u>

- 8. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #  ) in the amount of \$  .
- X 9. A check in the amount of \$942.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- X 10. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056207.50393C3).
- X 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a continuation of application Serial

No. 10/755,292, filed January 13, 2004, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/218,488, filed August 15, 2002, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/952,024, filed September 14, 2001.--

- X 12. Priority of Appln. No(s). 2001-052779, filed in Japan on February 14, 2001, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- X 13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 09/952,024 on September 14, 2001.
- X 14. The prior application is assigned of record to Hitachi, Ltd.
- X 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169.

- X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.
- b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- X d. Address all future correspondence to:

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Intellectual Property Group  
P.O. Box 14300  
Washington, DC 20044-4300

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- X 16. Forms PTO-892 listing prior art made of record in the prior application is attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.
- 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

X 18. Return Receipt Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

March 29, 2004



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